

ARE OUR CHILDREN BEING PUSHED INTO PRISON?

THE PIPELINE TO PRISON: THE U.S. HAS THE HIGHEST INCARCERATION RATE IN THE WORLD, AND ITS PRISONS AND JAILS ARE OVERWHELMINGLY FILLED WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LATINOS. THE PATHS TO PRISON FOR YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO MEN ARE MANY, BUT THE STARTING POINTS ARE OFTEN THE SCHOOL AND FOSTER CARE SYSTEMS.

FROM SCHOOL TO PRISON

STUDENTS OF COLOR FACE HARSHER DISCIPLINE AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE PUSHED OUT OF SCHOOL THAN WHITES.

40%  OF STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM U.S. SCHOOLS EACH YEAR ARE BLACK.

70%  OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN "IN-SCHOOL" ARRESTS OR REFERRED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE BLACK OR LATINO.

3.5 X  BLACK STUDENTS ARE THREE AND A HALF TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE SUSPENDED THAN WHITES.

2 X  BLACK AND LATINO STUDENTS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO NOT GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL AS WHITES.

68% OF ALL MALES IN STATE AND FEDERAL PRISON DO NOT HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

FROM FOSTER CARE TO PRISON

YOUTH OF COLOR ARE MORE LIKELY THAN WHITES TO BE PLACED IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, A BREEDING GROUND FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

50%  OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM ARE BLACK OR LATINO.

30%  OF FOSTER CARE YOUTH ENTERING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE PLACEMENT-RELATED BEHAVIORAL CASES
(e.g. running away from a group home)

25%  OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING FOSTER CARE WILL BE INCARCERATED WITHIN A FEW YEARS AFTER TURNING 18.

50%  OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING FOSTER CARE WILL BE UNEMPLOYED WITHIN A FEW YEARS AFTER TURNING 18.



70%

OF INMATES IN CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON ARE FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH.

THE COLOR OF MASS INCARCERATION



61%

OF INCARCERATED POPULATION



30%

OF U.S. POPULATION

ONE OUT OF THREE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES WILL BE INCARCERATED IN HIS LIFETIME

ONE OUT OF TWO LATINO MALES WILL BE INCARCERATED IN HIS LIFETIME

